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Examiner: Torres, Alicia M. Applicant: Pat Reich

Group Art Unit: 3671 Serial No.: 10/821,026

Docket No.: A480.101.101 Filed: April 8, 2004

Title: RIDING MOWER WITH DECK HEIGHT ADJUSTMENT

NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Examiner dated April 13, 2006. The fee for this Notice of Appeal under 37 C.F.R. §41.20(b) is **\$250.00**

Small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is established by a Statement enclosed or previously submitted.

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) apply.

| (a) Applicant petitions for an Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 (fees 37 | |
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| C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1)-1.17(a)(5) for the total number of months checked below: | |
| \square one month | (\$60.00) |
| two months | (\$225.00) |
| three months | (\$510.00) |
| four months | (\$795.00) |
| The extension fee has already been filed in this application. | |
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(b) Applicant believes that no Extension of Time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that Applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a Petition and fee for Extension of Time.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0471 in the amount of \$250.00 + \$60.00. At any time during the pendency of this application, please charge any fees required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0471 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.25.

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The Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's representative at the below-listed telephone numbers to facilitate prosecution of this application.

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CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.8: The undersigned hereby certifies that this paper or papers, as described herein, are being transmitted via facsimile to Facsimile No. (571) 273-8300 on this 4th day of May, 2006.